

# Kidsnetupdate



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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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## Immunization Update

An important communication from Merck about the timing of their return to the market with PedvaxHib vaccine was released on Friday October 17, 2008. Merck has changed the timing of return to the market to mid 2009 (in contrast to previous statements announcing return last quarter of 2008). As we learn more, we will follow up with additional information. At this point in order to meet the Hib needs for RI children we are forced to release Pentacel into the RI market until the national Hib shortage is resolved. The immunization program has already contacted practices that will be receiving the Pentacel product. If we have not contacted your practice specifically you can assume that you will continue to receive the ActHib product as usual. Please remember that even with the release of Pentacel into the RI market you are still required to only administer the primary series of Hib, deferring the booster dose (exception: those who are at increased risk for invasive Hib Disease) until the CDC/ACIP lifts this restriction.

Stay current on all the latest immunization news by subscribing to the Immunization Action Coalition's "IAC Express". To subscribe go to: [www.immunize.org/subscribe/](http://www.immunize.org/subscribe/).

***Q) My patient received her second dose of varicella vaccine last week. How long should we wait before administering FluMist, live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV)?***

A) If live vaccines (e.g., Flumist, MMR, varicella) are not administered on the same the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends waiting 4 weeks before administering the second live vaccine.

***Q) When should 2 doses of influenza vaccine be given to children?***

A) Two doses should be administered to children less than 9 years of age (i.e., 6 months through 8 years) the **FIRST** time the vaccine is given. If the child does not get the second dose during that season, he should be given two doses in the subsequent influenza vaccination season (i.e., the next chronological year). If he isn't vaccinated in the subsequent season, he should only get one dose per year from that point on.

**Questions?** Call or email Patricia Raymond, RN, MPH at 222-5921 or [patricia.raymond@health.ri.gov](mailto:patricia.raymond@health.ri.gov)

## Influenza

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, CDC published influenza vaccination coverage results among adults and children for the 2006-2007 influenza season.

Visit our NEW web site at [www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet](http://www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet)  
Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434 with any questions or suggestions

### **Adults**

Rhode Island had the highest influenza vaccination coverage rates in the US for adults aged 65 and older (81%), with still a way to go to achieve Healthy People 2010 goals of 90%. Coverage levels were higher among non-Hispanic whites (82%) compared with persons of other racial ethnic groups (67.9%) for persons 65 and older. Coverage among high-risk persons aged 18-49 years was 42%, which is much lower than Health People 2010 goals of 60%.

### **Children**

CDC data on childhood influenza vaccination coverage rates among children aged 6-23 months shows Rhode Island had the highest influenza vaccination coverage rates in the US at 47.6%. However, the coverage rate is too low and leaves more than 50% of our children in this age range at risk for disease. This year, in response to expanded flu recommendations for all children, RI is working with partners to promote flu vaccination in a variety of settings. For full report go to:

For full MMWR reports go to: [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5738a1.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5738a1.htm)  
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### **Immunization Report**

In September 2008, the following **4** practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Capitol Hill and Central Health Centers, Dr. Dante Ramos and Dr. Jennifer Souther.**

### **Lead Screening Report**

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In September 2008, the following **32** pediatric practices used this report: **Allen Berry Health Center, Dr. Tayna Becker, Bristol County Pediatrics, Concilio Pediatrics, Cumberland Pediatrics, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Dr. Cheryl Flynn, East Bay Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, Family Treatment Center, Family Doctors of East Providence, Family Medicine Specialties, Fatima Health Center, Dr. Michael Gonzalez, Hillside Family Medicine, Dr. Yen Longobardi, Dr. Chad Nevola, Northwest Health Center, Physicians of RI Med Enterprises, Dr. Jean Plover, Pediatric Associates, Primary Care of Quality Hill, Dr. Michael Rosenberg, Dr. John Solomon, Dr. Jennifer Souther, Dr. Stuart Demirs, Thundermist Health Center of Woonsocket and West Warwick, University Family Medicine, Wickford Internists, Women's Care Family Practice, Warwick University Medicine Foundation, and Westerly Pediatrics.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!